

# CANAMEX Corridor Progress Report, 2005

## Progress Highlights

- Streamlined Arizona Governor's Task Force, new organizational structure and supporting Executive Order
- Task Force meeting and identification of key priorities
- Recommitted Multi-state Coalition and new incoming Coalition Chair
- Multi-state Coalition meeting, Multi-State tourism meeting and identification of next step projects in Branding and 511 deployment
- New CANAMEX Corridor Coalition logo
- Sonora, Mexico CANAMEX reorganization and engagement
- Sinaloa, Mexico engagement
- Mexico's Secretary of Foreign Relations leadership in organizing Mexican states
- CyberPort \$2.1 M allocation for the Mariposa Port of Entry FAST Lanes
- C-TPAT Certification Seminar for Produce Growers
- Guaymas-Tucson Corridor Study
- Arizona and Mexico's Secretariat of Transportation Memorandum of Understanding for development of Guaymas Multi-modal Corridor (forthcoming)

## Next Steps

### Arizona Task Force, Multi-State Coalition and International Partnerships

#### Arizona Priorities: Marine Ports; Telecommunication; and CyberPort

- Develop in conjunction with Hutchinson Whampoa and other identified stakeholders a strategy to 1) establish a new international rail crossing linking the anticipated marine port at Punta Colonet, Baja California to Arizona and 2) establish an inter-modal staging complex in the Yuma region to support the new port and existing trade from LA/Long Beach. (CONFIDENTIAL)
- Collaborate with Sonora and Mexico's Secretary of Transportation and Communication to incorporate the results of the Guaymas to Tucson Corridor Study into a realistic approach for multi-modal corridor growth.
- Advance the recommendations of the Governor's Council on Innovation and Technology for Telecommunication infrastructure and Broadband development, specifically to ensure broadband access for communities with a population of 500 and above and cellular service along every mile of the interstate and major highway system.
- Evaluate if the WiFi Security Project for First Responders should be used as the bases for a corridor-wide pilot.
- Implement a Seal and Secure Pilot in Mexico that expedites movement of low risk produce shipments to the Mariposa Port of Entry in Nogales, Arizona.
- Identify resources for a proposal to secure domestic and foreign agriculture producer warehouses from a bioterrorism attack/infiltration.
- Cooperate with border communities to secure federal resources and high prioritization for infrastructure enhancements at Arizona border ports of entry.

#### Multi-state Coalition

- Implement a 511 deployment initiative to incorporate tourism information and increase interoperability between contiguous states, web-based materials featuring corridor wide data
- Launch an aggressive and focused political outreach campaign to secure funding and to increase visibility.

#### Canada

- Broaden collaboration by crafting a plan for stimulating increased market development opportunities initially with Arizona and eventually the multi-states.
- Determine merits for inclusion of Alaska into U.S. federal designation.

#### Mexico

- Advocate for federal designation of CANAMEX route; multi-state coalition and bi-national work plan resulting in short to long term priorities.